

BRETHREN EVANGELIST

even doubt the propriety of women's societies and I know of a city minister today who deems it unbecoming for a woman to speak in church services.

The following quotation from a good author comes to my mind. You may not agree with the sentiment but that is your privilege.

"They talk about a woman's sphere,
As tho it had a limit;
There's not a place to mankind given
There's not a blessing falls from heaven
There's not a pleasure or a woe
There's not a whisper yes or no,
There's not a life, a death or birth
There's not a feather's weight of worth without a woman in it."

Not least in this boundless sphere of her work and organizations is the S. S. C. E., also known in many places as The Ladies' Aid Society.

The needs of this society in the church, especially our church here at Carleton are keenly felt, probably because the ladies are so active and have pushed their activities in so many lines.

First, we might consider their financial aid to the church, money raised for a parsonage, for fuel, for janitor's fees, for church repairs and innumerable little donations that only a woman's intuition would lead to.

Next is their social aid to the church, accomplished thro their weekly meetings and sewing circles, and their various dinners and teas according to the season.

Last, but in no wise least is the societies' spiritual help to the church. Only the angels have power to record the good that woman's loving words, gentle smile, sympathetic touch or helping hand has done for rough, shackled lives. The church needs the humble, devoted Marys and Marthas of the society, the loving Ruths, also Dorcas applying her needle and likewise the Lydias and Deborahs with their social and financial influences.

I once asked a minister which was the most needed by the church, home or foreign missionaries. He answered the question by asking the one, "Which is the most needed by the dove, the right or left wing?" So it is with the need of the different societies of the church, they are all necessary for the perfect action and harmony of the church.

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NEED OF BETTER CO-OPERATION IN S. S. C. E. WORK IN THE CHURCHES

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In the first place let us thank God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, for what Christ has done for the liberation of womankind from the slavery of this world, and has placed us on an equality with mankind and has made us brothers and sisters and heirs of the kingdom. The need of better co-operation, we all admit that without co-operation we can do nothing. "A house divided against itself will surely fall," is the expression of the wise man. Co-operation is the hub to success. Each brother and sister is a spoke in the wheel, and the more closely we fit in the hub, the more perfect the wheel. Let us be careful

and stick close to the hub, for we know, the looser the spoke, the greater the annoyance. Loose spokes rattle and show signs of weakness. Let us remember that just in proportion to our co-operation or harmony so will be our success. Do women really have a work in the church? Why, certainly. God always has use for good women. Don't you remember what an active part the women took in building the first church, namely, the tabernacle? The women made offerings of their jewels, and their needle work is highly spoken of, and my dear sisters, is not that our stronghold today? What our hands find to do, let us do it with our might. And the times have not changed since then in regard to the needle, today like then, great work can be done in its proper application. We may not be able to use the hammer to a satisfactory advantage, but the needle is certainly the woman's weapon for good. Now let us all work together. We have done a good and noble work. The society has paid for the parsonage and has helped in a hundred ways, but we all know how hard it is for a few to do a great work, so let us all pull together and thus lighten the burden, and whatever it is, whether in beautifying the temple or adding comfort to God's children, he is abundantly willing and able to bless us.

The Christian Life

Light

Lord, send thy light!
Not only in the darkest night,
But in the shadowy, dim twilight,
Wherein my strained and aching sight
Can scarce distinguish wrong from right—
Then send thy light.

Teach me to pray!
Not only in the morning gray,
Or when the moonbeam's silver ray
Falls on me; but at high noonday,
When pleasure beckons me away,
Teach me to pray.

—Constance Milman.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

PARABLE OF JESUS—THE LEAVEN.

I. *The Parable.*—Matt. 13: 33; Luke 13: 20, 21.

- Another parable of the kingdom.
- Compare account in Luke 13: 20 and note the difference.
- Compare this with the three previous parables and tell in what it differs from the others.

II Interpretation.

- "Leaven,"—symbolizes, (1) the permeating power of the gospel; (2) its uplifting power; (3) its conquering power,—"till the whole was leavened."
- "Woman,"—Christ who proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom. Mark. 1: 14.
- "Meal,"—humanity. The grains of meal are the individuals of humanity. 1. Did this gradual coming correspond with the expectations of the Jews? Luke 17: 29, 31. Luke 19: 11. (Marg)
- Does this parable teach that Christ's

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True Greatness

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The only true greatness is that which comes from service for others. There are the selfish and self-indulgent who vainly assume that money, pedigree and circumstances make them great, but there are thousands of forgotten money-bags, titled lords and snobbish apes, while the world remembers with gratitude the plebeian or the patrician who had a duty to perform for mankind and did it. Phillips Brooks expressed it well when he said: "No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him he gives him for mankind." A greater than Phillips Brooks has said: "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Young men often make the mistake of expecting to start at a point of prominence and exaltation which will assure them a place and standing in the ranks of men, but there is little hope for any who is not willing to be servant of all. Only as he learns to serve, will he gain the power to rule. When he is faithful in a few things, he will become the master of many. The first lesson is self control; until that is learned successful rulership is impossible, and when that is well learned rulership can not be prevented.